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MAY 1978

1. SUMMARY. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BOB BERGLAND AND HIS
PARTY, INCLUDING ASSISTANT SECRETARY DALE HATHAWAY AND FAS
ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS HUGHES, LEFT POLAND SATURDAY
MAY 20
AFTER A SUCCESSFUL TWO-DAY VISIT HIGHLIGHTED BY CONVERSATIONS
WITH POLAND'S TOP LEADERSHIP AND BRIEF VISITS TO PRIVATE AND
STATE FARMS. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BOB BERGLAND ARRIVED IN POLAND
THURSDAY, MAY 18, AFTER VISITS TO THE SOVIET UNION AND NORWAY.
THE SECRETARY BEGAN HIS OFFICIAL ROUND OF DUTIES IN POLAND
WITH A CALL ON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE LEON KLONICA, FOLLOWED
BY AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE MINISTER AT FOKSAL
PALACE.

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3. ON FRIDAY, MAY 19, THE SECRETARY OPENED THE BUSINESS DAY
WITH A CALL ON PRIME MINISTER PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ. AFTER THAT,
SECRETARY BERGLAND AND MINISTER KLONICA MET IN A PLENARY
SESSION WITH FULL DELEGATIONS AT THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
TO REVIEW THE STATE OF AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS IN BOTH COUNTRIES,
AND THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER AGRI-

CULTURAL TRADE AND COOPERATION. THE SECRETARY THEN CALLED ON MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EMIL WOJTASZEK.

4. IN THE AFTERNOON, SECRETARY BERGLAND AND MINISTER KLONICA VISITED A PRIVATE FARM NEAR BRAKI SPECIALIZING IN SWINE PRODUCTION, AND HAD LUNCH AT THE STATE FARM IN WALEWICE. IN THE EVENING, POLISH AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS MET AGAIN AT A RECEPTION AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. SCHAUFELLE.

5. THE FINAL DAY OF THE VISIT, SATURDAY, MAY 20, SECRETARY BERGLAND'S FIRST CALL WAS ON MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY JERZY OLSZEWSKI. THE SECRETARY THEN CALLED ON POLISH UNITED WORKERS PARTY FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK, WHO REVIEWED THE POLISH AGRICULTURAL SITUATION AND DISCUSSED US-POLISH AGRICULTURAL TRADE.

6. SECRETARY BERGLAND CONCLUDED HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES WITH A FINAL CALL ON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE KLONICA, FOLLOWED BY A PRESS CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY INTERNATIONAL AND POLISH JOURNALISTS AT THE U.S. TRADE DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN WARSAW. THE SECRETARY WAS GIVEN A BRIEF MOTOR TOUR AROUND WARSAW BEFORE BEING DRIVEN TO WARSAW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CONTINUE ON TO BUDAPEST. ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY BERGLAND ON HIS OFFICIAL CALLS IN POLAND WERE AMBASSADOR WILLIAM E. SCHAUFELLE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY DALE HATHAWAY, AND FAS ADMINISTRATOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THOMAS HUGHES.

7. THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY WERE TREATED TO WARM, SUNNY WEATHER DURING THE STAY IN POLAND, AND ALTHOUGH THE SCHEDULE WAS VERY FULL AND TIGHTLY PACED, THE SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH POLISH LEADERS TOOK PLACE IN AN OPEN, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT, I.E. TO MEET, BECOME ACQUAINTED, AND DISCUSS WITH THE POLISH LEADERSHIP THOSE AGRICULTURAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST, WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

8. FOLLOWING BY SEPTELS WILL BE A SYNOPSIS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL LEADERS, A MEMORANDUM OF DISCUSSION AT THE PLENARY MEETING AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ON MAY 19, AND A JOINT PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING THAT MINAG DISCUSSION. DETAILED MEMCOMS OF MAJOR CALLS ALSO FOLLOW.
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